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A weekend forecast of ‘mixed’ fortunes

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The weekend weather forecast presents a mixed outlook for the UK with some seeing finer spells but pulses of heavy, and potentially impactful, rainfall are never too far away for large parts of England and Wales.

Whilst the southern half of the UK experiences pulses of heavy rain over the next few days, sunnier skies further north will allow temperatures to rise well above average in places. 25 or 26°C is likely from central to northwest parts of the UK on Friday, and similar values are possible in western Scotland on Saturday.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist Matthew Lehnert explained: “Repeated areas of rain are likely to affect southern Britain over the next few days, generating some localised impacts into the weekend. We currently have a yellow weather warning for rain in place, and there’s potential for further warnings this weekend.

“It’s a different story further north though, as high pressure brings warmer and sunnier conditions, with higher-than-average temperatures, particularly across parts of western Scotland. Eastern areas are likely to be cooler and at times, cloudier due to winds blowing off the North Sea.”

Warnings under review

Met Office Deputy Chief Meteorologist Dan Harris added: “Reminiscent of this time last week, the forecast for later this weekend comes with larger uncertainties than average. This is due to a more complex than usual meteorological pattern involving multiple corridors of heavy, locally thundery rain revolving around a slow moving area of low pressure.

“We are keeping warnings under review, and will look to issue them over the weekend as confidence increases, so please keep up to date with our latest forecasts and warnings."

Further ahead

Looking further ahead, and we’re likely to see fresher, cooler temperatures sweeping across the UK, becoming notably cool in the north by mid-week. Conditions look to remain generally unsettled during next week, with showers or longer spells of rain at times for most regions, accompanied by blustery winds.

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